



Biography of Jean-Rémy Gouze, commissioner

Born in Paris on 10 December 1952, Jean-Rémy Gouze is a Chief Engineer specialist in environment and safety, and a business unit manager (1971, High school diploma “Ecole Polytechnique”, 1977 “Corps des Mines”).

After a career in the French public sector as a top civil servant within the **Ministry for Economy, Finance and Industry**, the Ministry for Environment, and a job within a state agency (financing of innovation), he has developed skills as a Chief Executive Officer in the management of Groups in competitive fields such as environment, energy and inspection, control activities and consulting.

From 1978 to 1980, Jean-Rémy Gouze joined the regional directorate for industry for the Pays de la Loire region, at the Head of the Environment Division, in charge of Industrial Environment.

From 1980 to 1983, he was appointed Deputy Head of the Industrial Environment department, Directorate for the Pollution Prevention which reports to the Ministry for the **Environment**. He worked on the implementation of the regulations on Classified Plants, taking into account the cost / performance ratio of the regulations. He worked at a European level, participating in the workout of the « SEVESO » Directive.

From 1983 to 1988, Jean-Rémy Gouze became Regional Manager of ANVAR (**French innovation agency which reports to the ministry for industry and research**) at the regional directorate for Haute-Normandie. He helped the local economic development and worked on the environment and safety level of the region. He controlled the construction of two nuclear power plants in Paluel and Penly.

From 1988 to 1995, he was appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer of OSEO ANVAR, a state agency (**holding with public status**) financing innovation in the laboratories and the companies after an evaluation of the business plans.

From 1995 to 2000, Jean-Rémy Gouze became President and CEO of the holding and of 6 subsidiaries for Alcor Group, Caisse des dépôts and Tractebel groups. He managed an industrial Group with a strong growth in the fields of environment (collecting, sorting, treatment of wastes), of energy (cogeneration), and of distribution of water and water treatment. The turnover went from 26 M€ to 140 M€ between 1995 and 2000, the employees from 85 to 600 people. The consolidated benefit was positive to 1,5 M€ in 2000.

From 2000 to 2007, Jean-Rémy Gouze was appointed Chief Executive Officer of APAVE GROUP, the corporate structure of APAVE and 4 subsidiaries. This Group is a third-party inspection and consulting company leader in France with a 536 M€ turnover, 8.500 employees, 130 offices.